(e) An amount of about Rs. 6.44 lakhs has been spent by the Indian Delegation of this tour.

(f) and (g) The visit would benefit the country as provided for in the Agreements signed with the Government of FRG during the visit. In addition, possible cooperation in the field of poverty eradication with German assistance was also discussed and agreed upon. The visit also helped in furthering the bilateral economic relations between the two countires.

Analysis of Corporate Profitability by CMIE

2104. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent analysis of corporate profitability by the Centre for Monitoring India Economy (CMIE) indicates that while labour productivity has been increasing for the sample companies, the marginal productivity of fresh investments of private sector companies declined by over one fourth between 1990-91 and 1993-94;

(b) if so, what are the reasons and what are the various factors responsible for this decline; and

(c) what steps Government have so far taken to check the decline so that the country's growth is not badly hit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) A study entitled the Indian Corporate Sector, published by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy in April, 1995, inter-alia observes that:

— Output per wages has increased more or less consistently over the period 1987-88 to 1993-94, and the increase is well distributed over all industries and sectors. For the private corporate sector, it increased from 11.1 in 1990-91 to 12.4 in 1993-94. The marginal productivity of investment in the private corporate sector declined from 1.50 in 1990-91 to 0.93 in 1992-93 but this improved somewhat in 1993-94 and was 1.10.

The main reason for decline of marginal productivity of the private corporate sector is the decline in marginal productivity of investment of large Indian Houses from 1.27 in 1990-91 to 0.79 in 1993-94 and of other Indian Private Companies from 1.46 in 1990-91 to 1.10 in 1993-94. However the marginal productivity of private companies was about stable showing a marginal change from 2.50 in 1990-91 to 2.48 in 1993-94.

(c) Under the new economic policy, structural reforms undertaken by the Government in the spheres of trade, industry and public sector are aimed at enhancing efficiency, competitiveness and productivity of Indian industry, and impart dynamism to the overall growth process. The early results of reforms have been quite encouraging. Industrial production which was virtually stagnant in 1991-92 has gone up sharply by 8.4 per cent in 1994-95, after registering an increase of 5.6 per cent in 1993-94.

Assistance Provided to improve the conditions of Hospitals

2105. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has in the recent past submitted a proposal for seeking financial assistance from Housing and Urban Development Corporation and National Housing Bank to improve the Conditions of Hospitals; and

(b) if so, the amount of financial assistance provided so far by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) and National Housing Bank (NHB) have reported that they have not received any proposal in the recent past from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for financial assistance to improve the conditions of hospitals in the State.

(b) Does not arise.

Revenue loss due to Shifting of Serials from DD-2 to DD-1

2106. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:

Will the Minister INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 40 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1995 and state:

(a) the gross revenue earned in the month of July, 1995 by popular TV serials shifted from 2nd June 1995 from DD-II Metro Channel to DD-I primary Channel at 10.30 PM slots;

(b) what is the percentage of loss of revenue to Doordarshan per month after these serials are shifted as compared to revenue loss/earned by these serials during March, April and May, 1995; and

(c) what steps are being taken to revert these serials to some other suitable prime time slots keeping in view of the larger interest of viewers all over the country and accruing maximum revenue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Rs. 53.56 lakhs.

(b) Monthly variations in the commercial revenue earned by Doordarshan is a normal feature. Any conclusion about Doordarshan having suffered any loss of commercial revenue or otherwise can be drawn only after the full figures for 1995-96 become available.

(c) The time slots allotted to these serials are considered appropriate at present.

Excise Duty on Tractors

2107. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of excise duty on the tractors of different make;

(b) the same on scooters and cars;

(c) whether the excise at source on the components which are taken from outside like battery, light electrical equipments typer etc, included in it; details thereof; and

(d) what are the details of excise on tractor combine and excisable tractor machinery annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) (i) Excise duty rate on tractors of engine capacity not exceeding 1800 cubic centimeters and their chassis — nil
(ii) Excise duty rate on tractors of engine capacity exceeding 1800 cc and their chassis — 10% ad valorem.

(b) (i) Excise duty rate on two-wheeled motor vehicles (including scooters) of engine capacity not exceeding 75 cc — 15% valorem.
(ii) Excise duty rate on two-wheeled motor vehicles (including scooters) of engine capacity exceeding 75 cc — 25% ad valorem.
(iii) Excise duty rate on cars — 40% ad valorem.

(c) The excise duty paid on components is available as credit under the Modvat Scheme for payment of excise duty on the final product. However, no credit is allowed in the fianal product is exempted from excise duty.